

WisSTAT

The UW-Madison's Applied Population Laboratory offers an online data retrieval system to the public free of charge. WisStat can be used to access and display various housing, population and other information. The data in the system will facilitate retrievable information required for various housing grants and planning activities.

The retrieval of information using WisStat is a three-step process. The first step is to choose a geography. For census data the geographic levels range from state-level down to block groups. The next step is to choose the desired information. Here you can search by subject, keyword or source. Once the choice has been made, you will then be prompted to add new information or sort the existing file. The final step is to view your selection(s). At this point, you have the option to view the data in rows or columns or download the data in an Excel format. Please check the WisStat website for more details. The site address is www.wisstat.wisc.edu.

For those who want information without having to create specific tables, WisStat also has several preformatted data tables including one containing housing data. To access these profiles using WisStat, go to the tab "Analysis Tools". There you can select one of several profiles. To find a profile for an area of interest first use the pull down menu "Select a Type of Profile" chose one of the profiles on the list. Next, under "Select County, City, Village or Town:" choose the geography of interest and then chose "Create Profile." You will see a page with various tables of information. These profiles should be especially helpful to those working on any number of housing grant applications.

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